

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 25, 2006

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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1760**

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**Introduced by Senator Bowen**

February 24, 2006

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An act to add ~~Section 19254~~ *Sections 19216 and 19254* to the Elections Code, relating to electronic voting systems.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1760, as amended, Bowen. ~~Electronic voting~~ *Voting* systems.

Existing law specifies the requirements for approval of voting systems and inspection of approved voting systems.

This bill would prohibit the Secretary of State from approving *any voting system, including* a direct recording electronic voting system, unless the paper used for its voter verified paper audit trail is of sufficient quality that it maintains its integrity and readability throughout the required retention period.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     *SECTION 1. Section 19216 is added to the Elections Code, to*  
2     *read:*  
3     *19216. The Secretary of State shall not approve any voting*  
4     *system that uses paper ballots unless the paper used for the*  
5     *ballots is of sufficient quality that it maintains its integrity and*  
6     *readability throughout the retention period specified in Chapter*  
7     *4 (commencing with Section 17300) of Division 17.*

1     ~~SECTION 1.~~

2     *SEC. 2.*   Section 19254 is added to the Elections Code, to  
3 read:

4     19254. The Secretary of State shall not approve a direct  
5 recording electronic voting system unless the paper used for its  
6 voter verified paper audit trail is of sufficient quality that it  
7 maintains its integrity and readability throughout the retention  
8 period specified in Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 17300)  
9 of Division 17.

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